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Georgia Southern faculty serves as visiting professor at Australian University

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Kathryn Anderson, Ph.D., ARNP, PMHCNS-BC, LMFT, professor in the School of Nursing, was appointed visiting professor at Edith Cowan University (ECU) in Perth, Australia, from Jan. 30 to Feb. 10.

During this time, Anderson provided consultation to ECU faculty and led lectures on how faculty can help facilitate ECU's goal of implementing curriculum on family care into their undergraduate to doctoral education programs. She also helped faculty become more comfortable having a family nursing, or care of families, focus in their curriculum.

"I participated in numerous individual research consultations with faculty, participated in a manuscript writing retreat and lead a 'Next Steps in Research' session," Anderson said. "I was able to collaborate with other faculty and begin

discussions to link common research projects between ECU faculty and Georgia Southern faculty. We have begun working together to develop an interdisciplinary proposal for a multi-site international project focused on providing family-centered care when dealing with chronic illness."

Anderson was chosen by ECU's director of research based on her longstanding work in implementing family nursing and research work in families with chronic illness.

In addition, Anderson provided several one- to two-hour research-focused presentations to include how to work with and analyze family data sets, designing intervention studies with families, addressing concerns of families dealing with chronic illness, and involving undergraduate students in international research.

She provided guest lectureships and programming planning workshops at the local hospital, Joondalup Hospital, to advanced practice nurses, nurses and other health professionals and staff at newly emerging primary care agencies.

"Both settings focused on including families in patient care, providing family-focused health care, educational needs of staff and how to transform agencies/units/nurses to adopt a family focus in care," said Anderson.

She also provided the opportunity for mentorship while on the ECU campus, and continues to work with ECU to set up collaborative international practice and research efforts.

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